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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: CAMBARO 2's Arrival in the U.S.

1. Pursuant to receipt of a cable from CSOB informing of subjects arrival at the Idlewild International Airport on PANAM flight 671 on 4 November 1952, the undersigned proceeded to N.Y. on 4 November 1952 for the purpose of meeting the subject and escorting him to Washington.

2. Prior to departure from Headquarters, the undersigned requested that DOB arrange with immigration officials at Idlewild for the undersigned to act as interpreter and greeter. The immigration officials were to be informed that a Mr. Charles P. Dexter of a U.S. leather firm would arrive to meet a LEONIDS BROMBERGS who is a representative of a German Leather goods firm. Mr. Dexter's firm in the U.S. is interested in engaging in an import/export enterprise with Mr. BROMBERGS firm. Prior to departure the undersigned was informed by DOB that the above had been arranged with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the undersigned was instructed to contact the senior I&NS representative at Idlewild, Mr. John Adams.

3. Arrangements had also been made with CFD that \$1,500.00 would be deposited in a New York bank which would credit the subject with this sum and furnish him a letter of such credit through the undersigned. The deposit to this bank was ostensibly made by a Charles P. Dexter, []

[] Md. A cleared CFD covert contact in this bank [] was instructed not to reveal the above leather firm and its address to anyone outside the bank, unless he was pressed for it. In case of need to reveal this, he would inform CFD as soon as possible. Moreover, the bank would not send any correspondence to this address.

4. Upon arrival at Idlewild it was found that Mr. Adams, the Senior I&NS representative has been away for 2 weeks and was not expected to return for another week. In his absence, the undersigned was welcomed by Inspector Olsen who promised to cooperate, as he had been instructed by his Washington Headquarters to extend all courtesy and cooperation to a Mr. Baxter who would be meeting a Mr. Leonhard ROMBERG. Mr. Olsen was informed that the correct names were LEONIDS BROMBERGS and DEXTER. Mr. Olsen was curious regarding the subjects business and was informed of the aforementioned export/import interest. In addition he also asked whether or not the subject was married, when the undersigned had last seen him, and how long the undersigned had known him. He was informed that the undersigned last saw the subject approximately a year ago and had known him for approximately 9 (nine) months prior to last seeing him. Since the undersigned had no way of knowing whether or not the subjects German travel documents revealed that he was married, Mr. Olsen was informed that as far as could be recalled, the subject was married, though the undersigned could not recall this definitely as he had met many members of subjects firm while on a business trip in Europe.

5. When subject arrived, Mr. Olsen questioned him in a very routine manner with the undersigned acting as interpreter. During the questioning

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Olsen remarked that the documents indicated subject is single; the undersigned pointed out that he had not been certain of subjects marital status. Concluding the interview Mr. Olsen stated that he would consult with his N.Y. office as to whether or not a bond would be required for subject. Having made his query, Mr. Olsen informed that the N.Y. office had contacted Washington Headquarters I&NS. Since Washington had no record of any firm being interested in subject ("MR. BROMBERGS") the N.Y. office instructed Mr. Olsen to use his own judgement in this case. Mr. Olsen felt that subject should be no exception and requested a \$500.00 bond; he stated that in most cases where large U.S. concerns sponsor foreigners on visitors visas, a bond is posted. The undersigned expressed surprise because he was led to believe by his firms legal department that I&NS Headquarters in Washington had been informed of this case and had stated that no bond would be required. Mr. Olsen was told that it would be very embarrassing to the undersigned's firm should CAMBARO 2 be subjected to Ellis Island confinement; it was impossible to procure the necessary funds to post the required bond, as being Election Day all banks were closed. Mr. Olsen expressed regret, but felt dutybound to insist upon a bond; until this was furnished subject would be detained at Ellis Island.

6. In view of this Mr. Olsen was requested to delay subjects transfer to Ellis Island until the undersigned called his firms legal representative in Baltimore. Mr. Olsen very readily obliged whereupon the under signed contacted Maj. Gagarine of DOB, informed him of the situation, and suggested he get in touch with Mr. Christiansen of I&S who is a personal friend of Mr. Farrel, Assistant Commissioner of Immigration. Shortly thereafter Mr. Olsen informed the undersigned that he had had a call from his N.Y. office which stated that Headquarters Washington had informed that Mr. BROMBERGS may enter the U.S. without the necessity of posting a bond. According to Washington there had been a misunderstanding and subject's name had been incorrectly filed under "R" instead of under "B". This, according to Olsen, accounted for the original Washington "no record" statement; the error having been corrected, Washington had found a record under "B".

7. Without further complications Mr. Olsen admitted the subject to the U.S. and apologized for the inconvenience and embarrassment. CAMBARO 2 commented that, having heard so much about Ellis Island, he is sorry that he cannot get to see this famous place.

8. The remainder of the afternoon and evening was spent in sightseeing. CAMBARO 2 was quite impressed with N.Y. particularly with all the activity caused by the election returns. He was somewhat disappointed by the American bars and felt that the German bars offered more entertainment and activity.

9. The following morning CAMBARO 2 signed his contract, pseudonym acknowledgement forms, and secrecy agreement. He was instructed in the difference of security in the U.S. and Germany. Subsequently subject and the undersigned entrained for Washington where the subject was quartered in Hotel 1440 (1440 Rhode Island Ave.). A double room at this hotel had been procured by [] on 31 October.

10. CAMBARO [] 2 are at present residing in this hotel.

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